

Clonskeagh Parish Newsletter

Let us remember those who are sick and housebound in our Parish today!



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Clonskeagh Parish Mass Times are as follows:

- 10am Monday to Friday (11am on Bank Holidays) will be celebrated in St. Joseph's (Except Funerals & Holy Days)
- 10.30am Sunday

Parish Office Mon, Wed & Fri - 9.30am – 11am Parish Office

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Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday – Brendan Gallagher [RD]

Monday – Service of Word and Sacrament

Tuesday – Rose McGrath [RD]

Wednesday – Ash Wednesday
-Seamus & Jo O'Neill [A]

Thursday – Catherine Fitzpatrick O'Sullivan [RD]

Friday – November Altar List of the Dead



We prayerfully remember all who are Recently Deceased and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time.

"May all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen."

Last Weekend Collections

1st Collection (The support of Priests) €370

2nd Collection (Share) €305

House to House (Incl. S/O) €350

Thank you for your continued support.

The Season of Lent

'Lent is a season of Fasting, Prayer, and Alms Giving in preparation for the joy of Easter'



• **Fasting** – Some ideas of fasting include: Fast from judging others, fast from harsh words, fast from discontent, fast from anger, fast from worry, fast from complaining & fast from idle gossip.

• **Prayer** – Why not join us for weekday Mass and prayer, at 10am Mon – Fri in St. Joseph's. We will pray the **Novena of Grace Prayer in honour of St. Francis Xavier** after our Masses from 4th – 12th March, (No Mass on Sat 8th March).

• **Alms Giving** -Trocaire once again invite us to join in with their Lenten Campaign. The Trocaire packs are available at the back of the church.

"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD"

Psalms 1:24

A Few Words From Fr Joe.....

On March 27th 2020, when Covid had brought the world to a standstill, Pope Francis led a 'prayer for the world' in St Peter's Square. It was an extraordinary moment, on a wet Friday evening the entire square was deserted, in darkness Pope Francis walked alone, into the centre of the square, where an altar had been prepared under a white canopy, with the Blessed Sacrament exposed and a single chair. He prayed from the depths of his heart, into the void, beseeching Almighty God to look kindly on the world and lead us from fear to new hope. He used the expression that we were 'all in the one boat' and urged the world to see this moment of pandemic as a test of solidarity and a reminder of basic values. "We find ourselves afraid and lost" he prayed, "all of us are called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other."

In this moment, he revealed to the world the importance of prayer, the place of solidarity between peoples and how to stand together in the face of adversity. No doubt he felt that as vaccines were developed and distributed that it would take an enormous effort for the world to ensure a fair distribution of the new medicines to ensure that the poor were also included in the dividing of scarce resource. His strength as a global leader, sharing the highest values and ideals and calling the whole world to compassion was amazing.

In the same square during the week, at a similar makeshift altar at its centre, cardinals led a huge congregation in prayer for the Holy Father. Now that we know he is gravely ill, this outpouring of support for the Pope was so moving. In his hour of need, perhaps he feels 'alone and afraid' he received the consolation of countless prayers from his enormous faith family all over the world. I'm sure all of us have taken a moment to pray for him too, in our parish, homes and schools. May God hold him close and protect him from fear. Bless him.

Lent begins on Wednesday and we will enter into our prayerful preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Please make time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Fr Joe Mullan, Moderator Clonskeagh, Kilmacud & Mount Merrion Parishes

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Pilgrimage to KNOCK Saturday April 26 2025

Dublin Archdiocese has organised a pilgrimage to Knock to celebrate the Jubilee year.

The partnership of Clonskeagh, Kilmacud and Mount Merrion will participate in the pilgrimage led by Fr. Peter Ewaoche Johnson. Registration is now opened for the first 50 persons.

Cost: €55 per person, covering transport, tea and scones on the way going and dinner on the way back.

To register, please contact Bernie Doheny.
Phone: 012884665; 0879612303

The Novena of Grace Prayer



O most kind and loving saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering to God my humble tribute of thanksgiving and praise. I implore you to secure for me, through your intercession and the all important blessing of living and dying in the favour of God. I also beseech you to obtain the favour I ask in this Novena (here ask the favour you wish to obtain), but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen.
(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father)